ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

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(All actions have taken place in England unless stated otherwise)

1 MAY 1984 - BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET

ALF activists poured paint stripper over a car belonging to Tony Taylor, Joint Master of the New Forest Foxhounds and because of his involvement in the fur trade (Madame Campbell Furs, Bournemouth).

3 MAY 1984 - EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

ALF activists from Edinburgh 'B' Group paid a visit to a large fur shop and smashed two of its windows using a brick and bicycle chain with padlock.

4 MAY 1984 - HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY

Nine ALF activists broke into the Hamburg-Harburg Hospital and liberated 75 rabbits and 80 guinea pigs. The group responsible had to change their plans on the night as security measures had been stepped up and so decided to aim for the hospital. The 75 rabbits rescued were taken from the premises in their metal cages in which they had been imprisoned and are now in good homes.

5 MAY 1984 - SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE

18 Animal Rights activists were arrested for an attempted break-in at Safepharm Laboratories, during which several hundred pounds worth of damage was caused to a door. The police have sent a report of the incident to the Director of Public Prosecutions and it may be that charges will be brought against some of the activists. Safepharm is a notorious contract testing house which carries out the infamous LD50 poisoning test and other painful experiments on animals including rabbits and guinea pigs.

5 MAY 1984 - FRANKFURT, WEST GERMANY

Animal Rights activists rescued 10 stolen dogs from a windowless shed used by a dealer who buys animals from pet thieves. Observation had been kept on the isolated premises for a month, as a result of which it was seen that the dealer regularly received night-time visits from dog snatchers, taking deliveries from them when they arrived in cars and taxis. The raiders found the animals to be lying in their own excrement, with no food or water and some of them injured through mis-treatment. A German national magazine, "Quick", has published photographs of some of the rescued dogs appealing for the owners to contact them and also persuade them to take legal action against the dealer.

5 MAY 1984 - HANAU, WEST GERMANY

Animal Rights activists broke into a beagle breeding premises near Frankfurt and rescued 45 of the approximate 200 beagles who were awaiting transport to vivisection laboratories. In "Die Aktuelle" magazine, one of the raiders described the miserable conditions in which the beagle puppies were kept - in tiny concrete cells with wire-mesh floors. 28 of the puppies were taken to their new homes on the same night as the raid, the remaining 17 taken to temporary keeping on a farm elsewhere in Germany.

7 MAY 1984 - EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

ALF activists attacked and broke the windows of five shops dealing in animal abuse. Two butchers (fifth time in three months for one of them), a fishmongers/poulterers, the Capital Meat Centre (for the third time) and the Dominion Fur Company was also attacked again and its largest window broken (third time in two months)..

14 MAY 1984 - CAMBRIDGE

Animal Rights activists noted that a pet rabbit was being badly neglected. The animal was rescued and is now in a good home.

21 MAY 1984 - CROCKENHILL, KENT

ALF activists, in a protest against the meat industry, caused extensive damage to a lorry belonging to Crocken Meats Limited.

22 MAY 1984 - CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES

ALF activists paid a return visit to Regency Furs, High Street Arcade, Cardiff and threw red paint over the windows and woodwork. This was the latest in a

series of attacks and protests against this particular fur shop and in a statement to the local paper, an ALF representative stated: "We don't consider this vandalism. As long as no people or animals are hurt, we will continue with this action and further attacks will take place".

23 MAY 1984 - COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS

ALF activists attacked "Furs of Canada" the front door and windows being daubed with red paint. An Animal Rights campaigner has since appeared in Court charged with causing criminal damage and was fined £50, £44 costs for the lock and £35 for Court costs.

24 MAY 1984 - BRAINTREE, ESSEX

ALF activists attacked the premises of notorious animal abusers Mycofarm Brocades (GB) Limited, a company who torture animals in the manufacture of rabies vaccine. The activists entered the grounds and daubed "Murderers" in red paint and also damaged the incinerator which is used for burning animals' bodies after "use".

24 MAY 1984 - MARGATE, KENT

ALF activists glued up the lock of an angling shop and broke the window using a catapault.

25 MAY 1984 - MARGATE, KENT

In a protest against the meat trade, ALF activists used paint stripper to damage a van belonging to Master Butchers Limited and a lorry belonging to Gillam's Meat Company.

25 MAY 1984 - SOUTHPORT, MERSEYSIDE

Members of the Merseyside ALF placed pieces of cut-up chain link in the locks of Southport Theatre and sealed the locks with superglue. Various slogans were sprayed on the walls and protest was carried out because of forthcoming press conference to be held at the theatre to promote the first ever international camel race in Britain. The promoters intended to use camels from zoos in Britain in competition with racing camels from abroad and a combination of ruined press conference and bad weather resulted in a dismal failure and the local press have been informed that the race is unlikely to be repeated.

25 MAY 1984 - MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE

A shop owned by Richard Morley, point-to-point Secretary for the Staffordshire Moorland Harriers, was attacked for the third time causing £300 of damage when a brick was thrown through the window of bloodsports shop, Moorland Saddlers.

26 MAY 1984 - RAMSGATE, KENT

ALF activists carried out several actions on one night: A large window of Boots the Chemists shop was broken using a catapault causing £1,350 worth of damage, Mansons butcher's broken using a catapault, a windscreen of a van belonging to the Thanet Meat Company was smashed and paint stripper was poured all over a van owned by Penn's the fishmongers.

27 MAY 1984 - PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A.

ALF activists broke into the head-injury research laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Centre and poured chemicals into the computer system, wrecked all of the equipment and sprayed 'ALF' on the walls of the laboratory. The five-member group also took videotapes showing experiments on apes in which their necks are broken and the experimenters laughing during some of the tests. A local ALF spokesman stated that Dr. T.A. Gennarelli, clinical head of the injury centre, "represents the callousness, wastefulness, inhumanity and arrogance of the animal experimentation industry. He has received over $11 million in the last 15 years to torture and destroy once whole and intelligent animals. He has battered some monkeys repeatedly for over seven months". Alex Pacheco for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said that the videotapes show apes having their necks broken in "head-acceleration

machine" and struggling while they're tied down to a laboratory table with their heads cemented into a helmet. "The animal is tied by his wrists and ankles to a table, the machine is switched on and a hydraulic jack fastened under the table slams into the helmet. They have to use a hammer and screwdriver to take the helmet off". Dr. Thomas Langfitt, a spokesman for the laboratory, stated: "Thousands and thousands of dollars worth of damage was caused to the project. It is our intent to produced prolonged trauma so we can study its effects and we have our own little intensive-care unit where they are managed similarly to unconscious patients in hospital".

31 MAY 1984 - OFFENBACH, WEST GERMANY

Animal Rights activists have again been busy in West Germany when they paid a visit to Europe's largest chinchilla breeding farm and rescued 207 chinchillas. The Director of the fur farm complained that the raiders had taken the cream of his 5,000 prize-winning chinchillas and the loss to the company was reported by 'Bild Zeitung' newspaper at more than DM 1,000,000 (approximately £250,000). The raiders discovered a rubbish bin full of dead skinned chinchillas on the premises.

EARLY JUNE 1984 - HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE

"Meat is Murder" slogans in blood-red paint were daubed on butcher's shop windows by ALF activists. Goddens butcher's at Gadebridge and another in Barnacres Road arrived to find the slogans painted in foot-high letters in the middle of their windows.

EARLY JUNE 1984 - EAST MIDLANDS

ALF activists raided a hospital in the Midlands and rescued 7 rats who were due to be killed following cruel experiments.

EARLY JUNE 1984 - NOTTINGHAM

ALF activists sprayed slogans on a shop selling venison meat in Mansfield Road and also poured paintstripper and broke the windscreen wipers of a van belonging to the shop. A car owned by the proprietor also had paintstripper poured over it and the locks glued up.

EARLY JUNE 1984 - NOTTINGHAM

ALF activists broke a window at Farnborough Road School in the Clifton area because of its involvement in dissection. It was noticed that the window had been merely boarded up so the activists returned the following night, prised the wood off with a screwdriver, entered the school and rescued 8 frogs due to be used for dissection.

1 JUNE 1984 - PALMERS GREEN, NORTH LONDON

Four butcher's shops were the subject of attacks by ALF activists: 2 shops in Turnpike Lane, Wood Green, The Scotch Beef Centre in Green Lanes and W.G. Budd, "family" butcher in Aldermans Hill which was closed all next day.

2 JUNE 1984 - STANMORE, MIDDLESEX

ALF activists using bolt cutters broke into the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in Stanmore and rescued 8 goats. The animals were being used for painful bone graft experiments and were found to have had their legs shaved and their joints swollen. The goats are now in good homes and are being well looked after. To our knowledge, this is the first time that the ALF have rescued goats from vivisection.

2 JUNE 1984 - MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE

Suede & Leatherland, a shop dealing in fur and leather goods, had a brick thrown through its front window by ALF activists. The group responsible have promised that further attacks will follow.

2 JUNE 1984 - HENFIELD, WEST SUSSEX

Following a demonstration against the infamous Shamrock Farms, a group of Animal Rights activists visited the nearby home of a vet who is heavily involved in the running of this animal torture centre and smashed the back window of his car and several windows in his house.

3 JUNE 1984 - HERNE BAY, KENT

Four rabbits were rescued from very bad conditions in hutches in a garden by ALF activists and are now in good homes.

3 JUNE 1984 - BOUNDS GREEN, NORTH LONDON

A fur shop, Aztec Furs in Whittington Road, the scene of numerous previous attacks by the ALF, was paid another visit and had anti-fur trade slogans painted on its main door.

3 JUNE 1984 - FOLKINGTON, EAST SUSSEX

ALF activists removed six cage traps which had been placed in a wood by Ministry of Agriculture officals to catch badgers. It was the Ministry's intention to take the badgers to a laboratory where they were to be experimented upon, killed and dissected. The raiders later stated that the traps had been destroyed.

4 JUNE 1984 - BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET

Furs International in Westover Road was the subject of an attack by ALF activists protesting against the fur trade when slogans were daubed all over the shop in red paint.

4 JUNE 1984 - HAVANT, HERTFORDSHIRE

On hearing that animals were being used for experimentation, ALF activists broke into Havant College and rescued 3 rats and 3 mice.

6 JUNE 1984 - HORNSEY, NORTH LONDON

G.E. Mead butcher's in Hornsey High Street had its window smashed by ALF activists in a protest against the meat trade. Local paper, the Hornsey Journal, reported the butcher as saying after attack: "The damage will take up the week's profit - I will have a struggle now to find the week's wages for the staff".

7 JUNE 1984 - GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Two Scottish Animal Rights campaigners appeared in Court after pleading guilty to six counts of vandalism following an intensive campaign against fur shop windows in Glasgow. Incredibly they got off after being only 'admonished' and means they have no fines or compensation to pay!

7 JUNE 1984 - WIRRAL, MERSEYSIDE

Despite protests from neighbours, a rabbit was kept in a tiny cramped cage at all times and was not allowed into a walled garden or to see the light of day. This came to the notice of the ALF and members of Merseyside 'B' group scaled a 20 ft. wall and rescued the rabbit from its tiny cage in a garden shed. The animal now shares a large garden with another rescued rabbit and brings to 11 the number of domestic pets broken out of houses and garages in the area following confirmed reports of cruelty and usually where the RSPCA has failed to act.

8 JUNE 1984 - EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

ALF activists attacked and smashed the windows of 'Macsweens' which is one of the largest butcher's shops in the city. The group responsible for the

attack have stated that this shop will continue to be a main target due to its disgusting window display which includes many Shetland sheepskins as well as the usual display of slaughtered animals and birds. Another shop involved in animal abuse - a fishmongers/poulterers - was also attacked in the West end of the city which has stuffed birds in its window.

9 JUNE 1984 - BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

In a protest against factory farming, ALF activists raided the premises of farmer Jim Dickenson battery egg unit and liberated 80 hens which were being kept in overcrowded cages without property ventilation. After cutting the telephone wires, the activists made their getaway from the 5,500-capacity battery unit and took the hens to good homes. Farmer Dickenson stated to the local paper: "These liberationists are educated people who should realise the economics of the situation. I am trying to earn a living for myself".

9 JUNE 1984 - ALTRINGHAM, CHESHIRE

ALF activists attacked Mr. Monty's Fur Shop on The Downes - "Murderers" and "Blood Money" slogans were sprayed all over the shop, superglue was poured into the locks and a brick was thrown through the main shop window.

9 JUNE 1984 - SANDOWN, ISLE OF WIGHT

The Biology Department of Sandown High School was the subject of an attack by the ALF when 'ALF' was sprayed across windows and walls along with other slogans.

11 JUNE 1984 - TODDS GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE

In the village of Todds Green, just outside Stevenage, ALF activists attacked a pheasant breeding compound where traps and snares are set to catch wild animals. Damage was caused to the wire mesh fencing and to specially constructed mesh tunnels designed to guide animals into the traps. This particular site has been the target of ALF attention several times in the past.

11 JUNE 1984 - FRANCE

Members of the Front de Liberation de L'Animal (FLA) visited a beaver farm which are bred and intensively farmed for meat, and rescued 10 otters (!). Action had been planned to destroy a gas chamber and slaughter area on site but the owner of the farm came out and set his four dogs on the activists. No-one was caught and the 10 otters were then taken to an area in the wild and set free.

4 JUNE 1984 - CHERTSEY, SURREY

Following their statement in January to campaign against the cruelties of angling, Hunt Saboteurs released 30,000 rainbow trout from a fish farm at Thorpe Park, near Chertsey. The fish, worth more than £8,000, were being kept in 20ft square breeding nets attached to floating collars. The Saboteurs unhooked the nets which then sank to the bottom of the lake and opened up enabling the 7 tons of fish to swim out. All of the trout, belonging to Kingsmead Fisheries of Colnbrook which is a subsidiary of Ready Mix Concrete, were kept in the cages and fed a controlled diet until they were prime for "harvesting". Although most of the fish end up on fishmongers' slabs or hotel kitchens, the fish can be caught by visitors to the park and then cooked for them on a grill. A spokesman for the HSA group involved in the raid said that the action had been carried out because they had been incensed after watching the trout being caught at the park. A local hunt saboteur, who was not involved in the raid, stated to the local paper: "In one area of the park, trout are being hooked out of a lake by visitors and, in many cases, thrown back again badly injured. It's a cruel sport and the fish are suffering".

11 JUNE 1984 - PARIS, FRANCE

FLA activists set fire to a canvas awning over a butcher's shop in a protest against the meat industry. Damage was estimated at approximately £300.

13 JUNE 1984 - PARIS, FRANCE

Two butcher's shops in a suburb of Paris had a visit from the FLA. The canvas awning on both shops were set on fire and "Viande=Meurtre" (Meat is Murder) slogans were sprayed onto the windows. Damage estimated at £500.

15 JUNE 1984 - GENTILLY, FRANCE

FLA activists continued their campaign against the meat trade when they set fire to awning of a butcher's shop after they had assessed that there would be no danger to immediate surroundings. After this attack, a visit was paid to another butcher's shop and anti-meat slogans were sprayed on the shopfront and the main window smashed.

15 JUNE 1984 - HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE

Anti-vivisection slogans were painted on buildings at the notorious Hazelton Laboratories by Animal Rights campaigners during an all-night vigil.

16 JUNE 1984 - LIVERPOOL, MERSEYSIDE

Members of the ALF beat Liverpool Polytechnic security to make an offer for information about experiments on rabbits. A set of doors overlooking Byrom Street were superglued together and in red paint were daubed the words: "Animal Liberation Front - £100 offered for photos of vivisection".

16 JUNE 1984 - DUBLIN, EIRE

Animal Rights activists going under the name of "The Green Mole", raided the premises of the Eastern Health Board in Dublin. Several animals were rescued from the laboratory where guinea pigs and rabbits are bred for eventual use in painful experiments and "Animals Bred for Torture" and "Animals Tortured Here" were sprayed in orange paint. In an anonymous statement to the local paper, the activists responsible said that they found the animals in "filthy and appalling" conditions, many of the guinea pigs were pregnant and were kept in overcrowded cages.

17 JUNE 1984 - HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX

Animal Rights activists attacked two fast-food restaurants in Hounslow High Street. Staff of the Burger King arrived on Monday morning to find a 40ft side wall daubed with slogans protesting at the killing of animals for meat. The other restaurant, McDonalds, also in the High Street was attacked in a similar way. Police commented that this sort of vandalism was all too common and spoilt the environment for everyone. He didn't ask for the opinion of the cows, pigs etc killed by these public-accepted mass murderers of animals for profit.

19 JUNE 1984 - WARRINGTON, CHESHIRE

ALF activists broke into the Warrington RSPCA branch in Bewsey Street and took a steel cabinet which is used to kill unwanted animals by electrocuting them. Dogs are locked inside the £300 electro-euthanasia machine, wires attached to their bodies and then electrocuted. The electric cabinet is felt by many Animal Rights activists to be far from the most humane way of putting animals to sleep sometimes causing considerable suffering. Many RSPCA groups and branches are themselves opposed to its use. The machine has since been destroyed using a sledgehammer.

20 JUNE 1984 - WOOD GREEN, NORTH LONDON

ALF activists carried out a paint bomb attack on Skincraft and slogans were painted over front of the shop. ALF group responsible stated that this was the start of a campaign against the furriers to highlight the cruelty caused by vanity and profit-making.

23 JUNE 1984 - WOOD GREEN, NORTH LONDON

Two windows were smashed and other extensive damage was caused to H.E. Chamberlain, fishmongers in Lymington Avenue, Wood Green by ALF activists.

23 JUNE 1984 - HORTON, SURREY

Hunt Saboteurs struck another blow for fish when they released thousands of rainbow trout from nets floating in the middle of a 14-acre lake in Horton. The trout, weighing two tons, belonged to Kingsmead Fisheries, also owners of the £8,000 worth of fish released by the HSA at the company's site in Chertsey on 4 June 1984. As in the Chertsey-based Thorpe Park raid, local hunt saboteurs say visitors with no experience of fishing are causing unnecessary suffering to the trout by hooking them out of the lake clumsily and throwing them back with their flesh torn.

24 JUNE 1984 - GOLDERS GREEN, NORTH LONDON

A van belonging to Kerstein, poulterers, used for transporting frozen poultry had its locks glued up and paintstripper poured over all four sides. Kerstein's are involved in the ritual slaughter of poultry and on the 15 May 1984, a lorry belonging to this company and used to transport live poultry to their slaughterhouse in Bow, East London was destroyed by fire by the ALF.

24 JUNE 1984 - SOUTH NORWOOD, SOUTH LONDON

ALF activists rescued 41 rabbits and 10 Aylesbury ducks from a Dr. Barnardo's childrens home at Cleevedon House, Tennyson Road acting after a tip-off from RSPCA sources that the animals were being bred for meat and vivisection by the hostel's manager, Andrew Martin. Many rabbits had died in the past six months from neglect and maltreatment, were being kept in an overcrowded disused garage, often without food and water. A proliferation of maggots were also found in their filthy cages. All the animals have now been placed in loving homes.

25 JUNE 1984 - HARINGEY - NORTH LONDON

ALF activists glued up four padlocks on the outside of the Solsis gun shop in Green Lanes.

26 JUNE 1984 - LEEDS, WEST YORKSHIRE

A window of Dewhurst's the butcher's in the Meanwood area was smashed with a brick.

28 JUNE 1984 - WOOD GREEN, NORTH LONDON

ALF activists smashed two windows at Exners the butcher's in Whiteman Road, Hornsey.

30 JUNE 1984 - BURNT OAK, MIDDLESEX

Anti-vivisection slogans were daubed on a Cancer Research charity shop and a brick thrown through a window as a protest against money being used for cruel experiments on animals in cancer research.

LATE JUNE 1984 - BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET

ALF activists attacked and sprayed the farmhouse of Ashley Heath guinea pig breeder, Martin Grayston. Several outhouses and a car parked in the drive were also daubed. An ALF spokesman stated: "We will continue our campaign of harassment until we force him out of business". The same activists later attacked the Ringwood (fishing) Tackle shop in West Street where slogans were daubed and a window smashed. The Cattle Market was entered and animal pens were daubed with red paint.

CORRECTION to Action Report No.7: 16 May 1984 should have read Falmer, East Sussex at Sussex University.

NOTE TO ALL ALF ACTIVISTS: We are certain that many actions do not appear in these Action Reports because we are not informed when they have taken place. Please make sure that you send full details of any actions, including press cuttings if possible, to the ALF, BCM Box 1160, London WC1N 3XX. Please ensure that these are sent to us ANONYMOUSLY.

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